



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
7:00 PM in Little Theater
Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church**

AGENDA
Subject to change

1. Welcome – Valerie Woodham, Vice President, presiding

2. Location of future meetings:

- Tuesday, February 13, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

3. Guests (please limit comments to 3-4 minutes each)

- Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Christine Barry
- Cincinnati Fire Department, Lieutenant Dan Coletta
- Hyde Park Library, Ben Lathrop
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Blake Williams
- Hyde Park School, Jill Sunderman / Gary Tate
- Withrow University High School, Resource Coordinator Belinda Carson
- Clark Montessori High School, Resource Coordinator Joyia R. Johnson

4. Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes, Officer Reports, Committee Reports)

5. Guest Speaker

- None requesting time

6. Old Business

- Discussion of revised bylaws

7. New Business

- Nomination of new trustee

8. Adjourn



OBSERVATORY AVENUE TRAFFIC CHANGES

Kudos to Todd Roe, and the entire Traffic & Safety Committee, for all the work they did with the City to make this intersection safer for pedestrian traffic! And thanks to the City of Cincinnati for working closely with them to make the changes.

Many of you have likely become aware of the changes recently made to Observatory Avenue. For those that haven't, you will find all the details about the changes, as well as a diagram of the new lanes and traffic patterns below. In addition to these details, we wanted to let all of you know why the City made these changes.

Traffic along this section of Observatory has been a big issue for a while now. This is an area of significant pedestrian traffic, especially on weekday morning and afternoons, with parents and children going to or coming from Hyde Park School. After spending a lot of time on traffic studies, and working with the City to understand options, all involved came to the conclusion that the new traffic patterns are the best way to remedy the situation. As always, we are open to feedback any of you would like to provide on this change. You can reach us via the Contact Us form on the HPNC website, or via hpnccpres@gmail.com.

Details about the changes as follows:

From Madison, traveling eastbound on Observatory:

- A dedicated parking lane has been added, starting between Madison and Menlo and continuing all the way to Paxton.
- The only gap in the new parking lane occurs near the intersection of Edwards and Observatory to allow for new dedicated turn-lanes at the Edwards/Observatory intersection as shown on bottom portion of the below diagram (see HP School highlighted as reference point). The gap extends from Eastside and extends past Cincy Shirts.
- Specifically, eastbound traffic approaching Edwards will now have two lane options:
(1) one lane that serves as a dedicated left-turn lane (onto northbound Edwards), and
(2) one lane that allows either a right turn onto southbound Edwards OR continued straight on eastbound Observatory

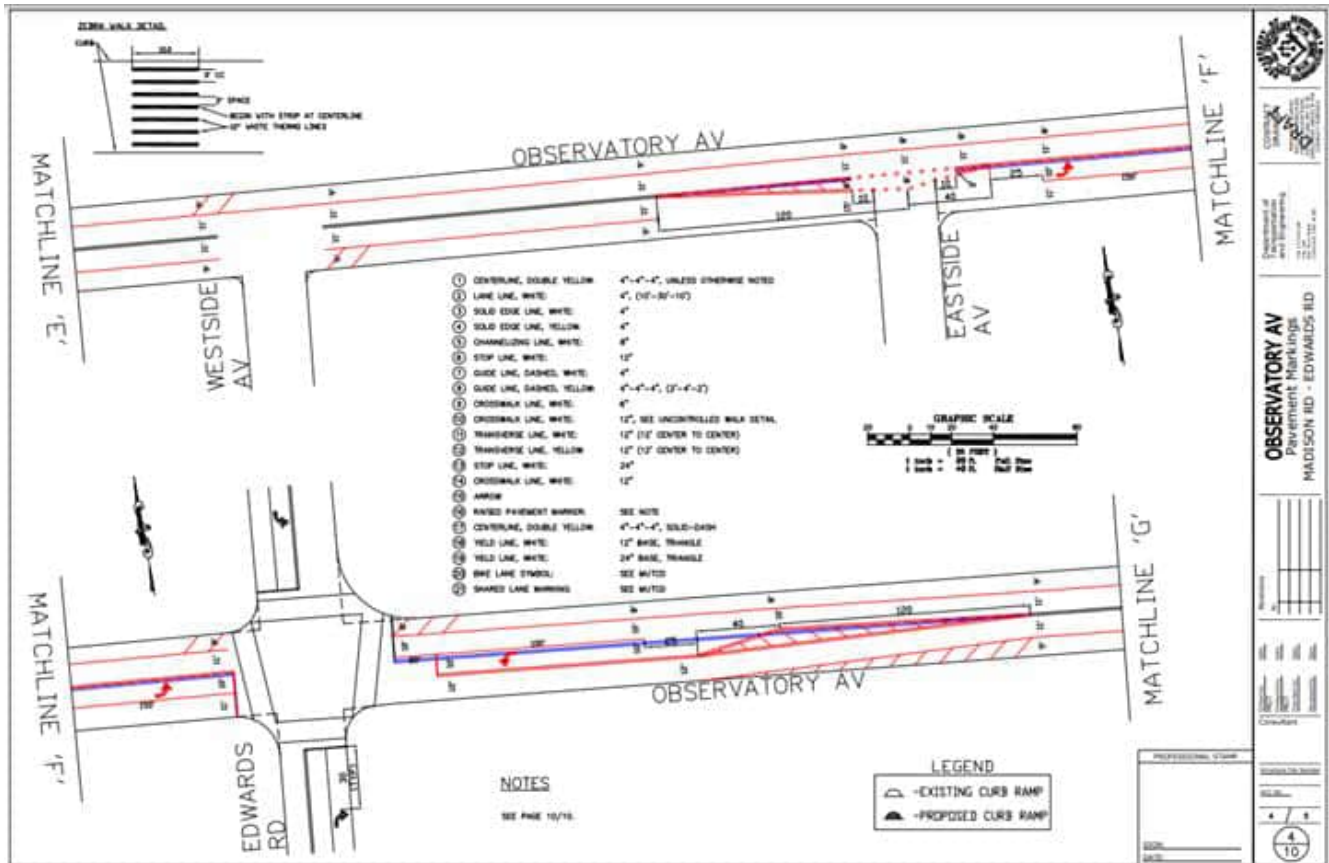
From Paxton, traveling westbound on Observatory:

- A dedicated parking lane has been added, starting at Paxton and continuing past Menlo. There will be restricted hours/space immediately adjacent to Hyde Park School to enable parking of school buses.
- At the intersection of Edwards/Observatory, all westbound traffic will have two lane options:
(1) one lane that serves as a dedicated left-turn lane (onto southbound Edwards), and
(2) one lane that allows either a right turn onto northbound Edwards OR continued straight on westbound Observatory. The right-hand lane is a parking lane between Michigan and Edwards.

Please note that no changes have been made to Edwards Road.

HPNC President's Report, continued

January 2024



ZONING COMMITTEE, VICE CHAIR OPENING

We are still seeking trustee and non-trustee committee members. If you are interested, please email hpncpres@gmail.com.

311CINCY CITIZENS ACADEMY

Discover the inner working of our City! 311Cincy is hosting an inaugural Citizen's Academy to educate participants about 311 call-taking programs, service requests processing, and to build a network of community ambassadors.

The Citizens Academy will be conducted in four Wednesday evening (6-8pm) sessions in March 2024. We ask that interested parties only apply if you can commit to completing all four sessions (March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27). Additionally, applicants must be at least 18 years old and must live or work in the City of Cincinnati to qualify.

Apply: <https://forms.office.com/r/tgi9HT0D5n>

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2024.

Learn More: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/ecc/about-ecc/311/academy/>

HPNC President's Report, *continued*

January 2024

GREAT PARKS MLK DAY CLEANUP

Meet in the Nature Center at The Summit's parking lot, located behind New Prospect Baptist Church. From there we'll break up into groups, go over our routes, and start our litter pick-up at 10 a.m. At noon, we'll meet back at the Summit Center for open house-style programming and light refreshments to celebrate our hard work and the community we serve.

Details as follows:

January 15th | 10am- 12pm
Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit
1580 Summit Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237

DUKE ENERGY BILLING FEEDBACK

I had a lengthy discussion with a representative from SW Ohio for Responsible Technology about the potential for higher Duke Energy bills for residents of Hyde Park. Per a request, I am making contact information about their organization available below. Those who would like to learn more can reach out to the organization directly:

Monique Maisenhalter
swo4responsibletech@fuse.net
SWORT Board Member (SW Ohio for Responsible Technology)
Join SWORT on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378997646019587>)



HPNC Financial and NSP Report

January 2024

Norm Lewis, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

HPNC received 3 memberships and we spent most of the amended NSP 2023 budget. See attached reports. Still hoping to complete the 2nd part of the Hyde Park School project in the next few days. Invest reports are due Jan. 8 and Jan. 15, and I hope to complete both by the deadline.

HPNC FINANCIAL REPORT

DEC 10, 2023 TO JAN 7, 2024

RECEIPTS

11-30-23	Membership	19.11
12-29-23	Membership	19.11
1-3-24	Membership	19.11
TOTAL		\$57.33

DISBURSEMENTS

12-27-23	1529	Hyde Park Community UMC/Found House	1000.00
12-27-23	1530	Eric Huggins/Clark	1133.00
12-29-23	1531	Tim Schmirang/HP East Pillars	531.91
12-27-23	1533	Wasson Way/Carl Ubelacker tree	1000.00
12-29-23	1534	Smyth&Mullin llc/website host fees	31.26
12-30-23	1532	Withrow Alumni	1133.00
TOTAL			4829.17

NSP REPORT

Attached is a proposal for 2024 HPNC spending. Approval by HPNC board would allow me to write our 2024 NSP proposal that may be submitted after approval of our 2023 final report, mentioned above. As an aside, 2024 NSP funding must wait until review and acceptance of our 2024 proposal (likely in February, I hope). Website fees are based on a Wild Apricot kickoff in May. Note that the 2024 NSP disbursement is \$7,375, down from 2023 value of \$9,872, so I adjusted downward most of our community partners to make the numbers balance.



HPNC Committee Reports

January 2024

Education — Dave Hapner

All of the NS monies allocated, and the additional amounts approved at the November meeting (total of \$1,133 each), have been used by the schools for 2023 calendar year.

PLAN Hyde Park — Janet Buening

The Steering Committee did not meet in December. Members are independently reviewing the PLAN document and will present final requests for edits and revisions when the committee meets on January 23, 2024.

Wasson Way Trail — Dave Hapner

- Missing bollards between Edwards and Paxton continue to cause safety issues. DOTE promises replacement by next month.
- A memorial tree in honor of Carl Uebelacker, founding member, long-term trustee, and former president of HPNC, is going forward and will be planted in the area next to Edwards Road per his family's request.



HPNC Zoning Committee Report

Gary Wollenweber, Chair

January 2024

I will not attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, as I am out of town for a business conference. Norm Lewis or Scott Hassell may represent the Zoning Committee at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3536 Bayard Road (ZH20230177) - A Zoning hearing has been scheduled for January 10, 2024, for the subject address. The Applicant and/or owner is requesting hillside overlay district approval to construct a new addition onto the existing home that exceeds right side yard and front yard setback restrictions, and cut/fill restrictions and any other relief required under the Zoning Code. The property is in an SF-20 zoning district. HPNC received notice but cannot access the CAGISdocs documents because our password is invalid and the temporary reset password cannot be received by HPNCpres@gmail.com. Tommy has been working to restore. We appealed to Maria Dienger for "interested person access" to this case folder on Thursday January 4 but have no response.

UPDATED HPNC STREET LIST

I have been editing the current list to be consistent with CAGIS addresses and the map linked from our website. I have found many errors. I am still working on it.



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

MEETING AT HYDE PARK COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT, V. WOODHAM, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT, T. McEVOY AT 7:07 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. BUENING, B. FRAPPIER-SCHIRMANG, S. MULLIN, M. OLSON, B. SMYTH, B. WHITNEY, G. WOLLENWEBER, AND V. WOODHAM.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABSENCE: S. HASSELL, D. LEE, N. LEWIS, T. McEVOY, AND A. SCHUTTE.

V. Woodham thanked the audience for attending the meeting and announced that the January meeting would be held in the Little Theater at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry distributed the neighborhood crime and traffic reports for the period. There were 9 thefts from autos and 8 auto thefts during the month. She urged residents not to leave keys in car ignitions and warned about leaving personal property in sight. Captain Pettis introduced Lieutenant Bob Wilson, assigned to Dist. 2 to monitor changes resulting from the closure of the Dist. 5 station. Dist. 2 acquired some Dist. 5 officers, and with additional area to cover, Lieutenant Wilson will monitor changes to response times, number of calls for service, and other stats. Shift times may need to be adjusted based on calls for service for the new neighborhoods incorporated into Dist. 2. Several Trustees raised the issue of parking and pedestrian safety issues in the vicinity of the Dist. 2 station on Erie. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Captain Danita Pettis can be reached at: 979-4444 Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov. Police non-emergency line is 765-1212.

Hyde Park Library—Manager, Ben Lathrop shared the news that one day last week 653 materials were checked out (highest daily number ever for the branch, 200 above average). The most popular book this month was *How to be Eaten* (a spin on Little Red Riding Hood) and second most popular was *Lessons in Chemistry*. The branch will be closed for the holidays December 24 and 25, and January 1. The anticipated opening of the renovated branch is on track for March 2024. Reach the branch at (513) 369-4456. Web site: <https://cincinnati.library.org/>. Email hydepark@chpl.org.

Withrow University High School—Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson expressed appreciation for HPNC Trustees' help with packing 53 food bags for Withrow students to take home over the winter break. She is still distributing coats, hats, and gloves to students in need. 36 students were given \$25 Visa gift cards from both Western & Southern and the Withrow Alumni Association and \$100 Visa gift cards from Queen City Church (that holds Sunday Services at Withrow). Withrow basketball is this Friday vs. Hughes. On December 13, the Withrow Rugby team will travel to Columbus to meet with Ohio State Senator Catherine Ingram and receive recognition the team for its Division II State Championship success this year! Ms. Carson thanked HPNC for its work in getting lunch catered by LaRosa's for the Girls to Women and MORE (Men, Organized, Respectful and Educated) luncheon at Withrow on December 13. Thanks to Dan Lee for circling the wagons with LaRosa's to make that happen. Belinda can be reached at (513) 363-9207 or Carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

V. Woodham moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by B. Frappier Schirmang. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. New Business

Hyde Park Square DORA—HPSBA representative Austin Heidt and HPSBA Co-president Eddie Walter introduced themselves and shared their proposal to expand the hours for the DORA in Hyde Park Square to 9 a.m.-11 p.m. The proposed hours would bring more vibrancy to the Square and allow for more events to take place earlier and later during the day. For example, for the Halloween in the Square event, Parkside wanted to participate by offering drink specials for parents; however, with the current DORA hours, that was not possible. In addition to the expanded hours, the proposal is to replace the current peelable sidewalk stickers (designating the DORA boundaries) with temporary sidewalk tattoos and using dated stickers on beverages instead of designated cups. The HPSBA is in support of the proposed changes. B. Smyth moved, ***"That the HPNC support the amended DORA application to increase hours of operation from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. every day, utilize designated DORA stickers in lieu of designated DORA cups, and replace the DORA sidewalk boundary stickers with temporary sidewalk tattoos."*** Second by J. Buening. All in favor. Motion carried.

Proposed New Bylaws—B. Smyth reported that he has reviewed the HPNC current bylaws and drafted proposed new bylaws for the Board to review and discuss. In doing so, he reviewed the model bylaws suggested by Invest In Neighborhoods and incorporated new proposed provisions as contained therein. The recent proposed motion and vote at our 10 October meeting related to the 3024 Lavinia zoning relief prompted the review as there was a lot of confusion about the definition of a meeting quorum and abstentions from voting. One significant proposal in the draft bylaws is a provision for Trustee term limits.

The proposed bylaws have footnotes where changes are suggested and also footnotes detailing discussion points to consider with the proposed changes. B. Smyth circulated a copy of the proposed and current (2017) bylaws to the Trustees at the 12 December 2023 meeting and followed with copies of both via email. He asked that Trustees review both and come prepared to discuss the same at the January meeting. J. Buening stated that she disagrees with the term limit proposal and suggested convening the bylaw review committee to focus on these issues.

4. Old Business

Street List vs. map of Hyde Park—G. Wollenweber shared his opinion that HPNC should have the same list of streets and map as the City identifies as Hyde Park. G. Wollenweber is working on making the map and street list on the HPNC website correct and consistent with one another. There has been confusion about which streets are/are not in HP and the fact that Hyde Park has lost some streets and gained others over the years has added to that confusion. Thanks, Gary, for your diligence and hard work in sorting this out.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

HPNC Financial Report - 2023

HPNC budget 2023		Budget	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September/Oct	November	December	Total
	Revised Jan 7, 2024												
BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE		19979.71	19979.71	19,658.95	18,843.83	28,782.81	26,869.92	26,879.57	27,307.49	26,754.82	26,773.93	26,268.20	19,979.71
RECEIPTS													
	NSP - 2023	9,872			9,872.00								9,872.00
	Membership	1,500	114.66	152.88	95.55	19.11	38.22	39.11	19.33	19.11		57.33	555.30
	Halloween Event	300											0.00
	Fundraiser	0											0.00
	Invest In Neighborhoods	630						868.00					868.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	500										150.00	150.00
	NAF funding	0											0.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,802	114.66	152.88	9,967.55	19.11	38.22	907.11	19.33	19.11	0.00	207.33	11,445.30
DISBURSMENTS													
	To Be Submitted to NSP Newsletter												
	- Mailing	200			28.57			85.71			28.57		142.85
	- Printing	0											0.00
	-membership	0											0.00
	HPNC Expenses												
	- Intern	572							572.00				572.00
	- Web Hosting Fees	600		184.00			28.57	199.48			158.29	31.26	601.60
	- po box	200						194.00					194.00
	- D/O Insurance	0											0.00
	- Halloween Event	400									318.87		318.87
	- Annual Meeting	400				332.00							332.00
	Community Grants												0.00
	- Withrow	1133										1,133.00	1,133.00
	-----Clark	1133										1,133.00	1,133.00
	- Wasson Way	1000										1,000.00	1,000.00
	- Hyde Park East	600										531.91	531.91
	- Hyde Park School	1,133		600.00									600.00
	- HydeParkChurch IHN	1,000										1,000.00	1,000.00
	- Knox Church	0											0.00
	- HPCOA (55 North)	0											0.00
	- Ault Park Fireworks	1,500				1,500.00							1,500.00
	NSP Subtotal	9,871	0.00	784.00	28.57	1,832.00	28.57	479.19	572.00	0.00	505.73	4,829.17	9,059.23
	Not Submitted to NSP												0.00
	HPNC Expenses												0.00
	- Ault Park Advisory Council	50											0.00
	- Meet & Greet	100											0.00
	- Cintii Fire Museum					100.00							100.00
	NAF projects	2,200	413.44										413.44
	Website Host fees	200	21.98	184.00									205.98
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	12621.00	435.42	968.00	28.57	1932.00	28.57	479.19	572.00	0.00	505.73	4829.17	9572.67
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE		20,161	19,658.95	18,843.83	28,782.81	26,869.92	26,879.57	27,307.49	26,754.82	26,773.93	26,268.20	21,646.36	21,852.34

HPNC Proposed 2024 Budget

HPNC budget 2023			Budget	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Revised Jan 7, 2024														
BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE			21852.34	21852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34
RECEIPTS															
	NSP - 2023		7,375												0.00
	Membership		1,500												0.00
	Halloween Event		150												0.00
	Fundraiser		0												0.00
	Invest In Neighborhoods		630												0.00
	Miscellaneous Donations		300												0.00
	NAF funding		0												0.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		9,955	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISBURSMENTS															
	To Be Submitted to NSP														
	Newsletter														
	- Mailing		75												0.00
	- Printing		75												0.00
	-membership		400												0.00
	HPNC Expenses														
	- Intern		425												0.00
	- Web Domain Fee		1,500												0.00
	- Post Office Box		200												0.00
	- D/O Insurance		0												0.00
	- Halloween Event		400												0.00
	- Annual Meeting		400												0.00
	Community Grants														0.00
	- Withrow		400												0.00
	-----Clark		400												
	- Wasson Way		400												0.00
	- Hyde Park East		400												0.00
	- Hyde Park School		400												0.00
	- HydeParkChurch IHN		400												0.00
	- Knox Church		0												0.00
	- HPCOA (55 North)		0												0.00
	- Ault Park Fireworks		1,500												0.00
7375	NSP Subtotal		7,375	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Not Submitted to NSP														0.00
	HPNC Expenses														0.00
	- Ault Park Advisory Council		50												0.00
	- Meet & Greet		100												0.00
	NAF projects		0												0.00
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS		7725.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE			24,082	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34	21,852.34